

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2011-47-WS - ORDER NO. 2011-346

MAY 6, 2011

IN RE:	Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc.)	ORDER APPOINTING
	for Approval of an Increase in Its Rates for)	HEARING OFFICER
	Water and Sewer Services Provided to All of)	
	Its Service Areas in South Carolina)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request filed by counsel for Carolina Water Service, Inc. (“CWS”) for the appointment of a hearing officer in Docket No. 2011-47-WS regarding CWS’s Application for an increase in its rates for water and sewer services. We hereby grant CWS’s request. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2010).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years’ practice experience.

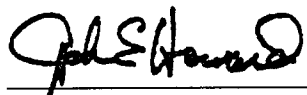
We find that B. Randall Dong, Esquire, meets these qualifications, and we hereby appoint Mr. Dong as hearing officer in Docket No. 2011-47-WS. As hearing officer in this proceeding, we direct Mr. Dong to rule on appropriate matters in the case and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters for this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. B. Randall Dong, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket No. 2011-47-WS for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters in this proceeding regarding the Application of Carolina Water Service, Inc. for an increase in rates for water and sewer service.

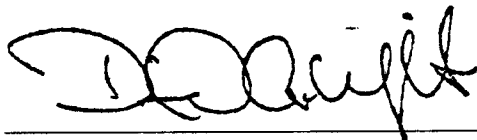
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:



David A. Wright, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)